



MEDI-CAL UPDATE

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Medi-Cal List of Contract Drugs: Update

The following provider manual section has been updated: *Drugs: Contract Drugs List Part I – Prescription Drugs.*

Changes, effective December 1, 2003

<u>Drug</u>	<u>Size and/or Strength</u>	<u>Billing Unit</u>
MORPHINE SULFATE		
* Capsules, extended release	30 mg	ea
	60 mg	ea
	90 mg	ea
	120 mg	ea
* Restricted to a maximum of 90 capsules per dispensing and a maximum of three dispensings of any strength in a 75-day period. Exceptions to this restriction require prior authorization.		
(NDC labeler code 64365 [Ligand Pharmaceuticals] only.)		
* Capsules, sustained release	20 mg	ea
	30 mg	ea
	50 mg	ea
	60 mg	ea
	100 mg	ea

* Restricted to a maximum of 90 capsules per dispensing and a maximum of three dispensings of any strength in a 75-day period. Exceptions to this restriction require prior authorization.

(NDC labeler code 63857 [Faulding Laboratories] only.)

Please see **Contract Drugs**, page 3

EDS/MEDI-CAL HOTLINES

Border Providers	(916) 636-1000, ext. 2100
Computer Media Claims (CMC).....	(916) 636-1100
DHS Medi-Cal Fraud Hotline.....	1-800-822-6222
Health Access Programs (HAP) – OB, CPSP, Family PACT, BCEDP Providers.....	1-800-257-6900
POS/Internet Help Desk	1-800-427-1295
Telephone Service Center (TSC)	1-800-541-5555
Provider Telecommunications Network (PTN).....	1-800-786-4346
Specialty Programs	1-800-541-7747

For a complete listing of specialty programs and hours of operation, please refer to the Medi-Cal Directory in the provider manual.

MEDI-CAL FRAUD IS AGAINST THE LAW

**MEDI-CAL FRAUD COSTS TAXPAYERS MILLIONS
EACH YEAR AND CAN ENDANGER
THE HEALTH OF CALIFORNIANS.**

**HELP PROTECT MEDI-CAL AND YOURSELF
BY REPORTING YOUR OBSERVATIONS TODAY.**

**DHS MEDI-CAL FRAUD HOTLINE
1-800-822-6222**

THE CALL IS FREE AND YOU CAN REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

Knowingly participating in fraudulent activities can result in prosecution and jail time. Help prevent Medi-Cal fraud.

Contract Drugs (*continued*)

Changes, effective December 1, 2003

<u>Drug</u>	<u>Size and/or Strength</u>	<u>Billing Unit</u>
‡ NORGESTIMATE AND ETHINYL ESTRADIOL		
Tablets from 7/7/7 combination packet (28 Tablets/packet)	7 x 0.180 mg/35 mcg 7 x 0.215 mg/35 mcg 7 x 0.250 mg/35 mcg 7 x inert	ea
(NDC labeler code 00062 [Ortho Pharmaceutical Corporation] only.)		

Changes, effective January 1, 2004

<u>Drug</u>	<u>Size and/or Strength</u>	<u>Billing Unit</u>
* CITALOPRAM HBR		
Tablets	20 mg 40 mg	ea ea
Solution	10 mg/5cc	ea
* Prior authorization always required.		
‡ LEVONORGESTREL AND ETHINYL ESTRADIOL		
Tablets from 6/5/10 combination packet (21 tablets/packet)	6 x 0.05 mg/30 mcg 5 x 0.075 mg/40 mcg 10 x 0.125 mg/30 mcg	ea
(NDC labeler codes 00008 [Wyeth Laboratories] and 50419 [Berlex Laboratories, Inc.] only.)		
(28 tablets/packet)	6 x 0.05 mg/30 mcg 5 x 0.075 mg/40 mcg 10 x 0.125 mg/30 mcg 7 x inert	ea
(NDC labeler codes 00008 [Wyeth Laboratories] and 50419 [Berlex Laboratories, Inc.] only.)		
‡ NORGESTREL AND ETHINYL ESTRADIOL		
Tablets	0.3mg – 30 mcg 0.5mg – 50 mcg	Tablets from 21 tablet packet Tablets from 28 tablet packet Tablets from 21 tablet packet Tablets from 28 tablet packet
		ea ea ea ea
(NDC labeler Code 00008 [Wyeth Laboratories] only.)		

‡ Drug is exempt from the monthly drug claim line limit.

Refer to manual replacement pages drugs cdl p1a 30 (Part 2), drugs cdl p1b 39 and 54 (Part 2) and drugs cdl p1c 9 (Part 2).

FAC List Updates

The *Drugs: MAIC and FAC* section has been updated with the *Federal Allowable Cost (FAC) List* changes as noted below.

Additions, effective November 2, 2003

<u>Drug</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>FAC</u>	<u>Billing Unit</u>
Aspirin; Butalbital; Caffeine Oral, Tablet	325mg/50mg/40mg	\$0.2400	ea
Lovastatin Tablet	40mg	3.2012	ea

Decreases, effective November 2, 2003

<u>Drug</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>FAC</u>	<u>Billing Unit</u>
Ipratropium Bromide Solution for Inhalation	0.02%	0.2340	ea
Propoxyphene Napsylate with Acetaminophen Tablets, oral	100mg/650mg	0.1800	ea

Deletions, effective November 2, 2003

<u>Drug</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>FAC</u>	<u>Billing Unit</u>
Fluocinolone Acetonide Solution, topical	0.01%	0.1172	cc
Pindolol Tablets	5mg 10mg	0.0960 0.1268	ea ea

Please refer to manual replacement pages drugs maic fac 5, 16, 21, 23, 30 and 32 (Part 2).

National Drug Code: Billing Reminder

The Department of Health Services (DHS) is engaged in numerous federal and state supplemental drug rebate disputes with drug manufacturers. A significant number of these disputes are caused by providers who bill the incorrect 11-digit National Drug Code (NDC) when submitting pharmacy claims for dispensed drugs. Submission of incorrect NDC numbers is considered fraudulent billing. Fraudulent providers may face suspension from the Medi-Cal program, fines and/or imprisonment. To reduce the number of disputes and the potential for adverse action against providers who submit incorrect NDC numbers, providers should be careful not to:

- Bill for brand drugs when generic drugs are dispensed
- Bill one generic drug product when a different generic drug is dispensed
- Bill for a legend product when an over-the-counter drug is dispensed

Instructions for Manual Replacement Pages

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Part 2

Remove and replace:

drugs cdl p1a 29/30

drugs cdl p1b 29 thru 32 *, 39/40 and 53 thru 55

drugs cdl p1c 9/10

drugs maic fac 5/6, 15/16, 21 thru 24 and 29 thru 32

* Pages updated due to ongoing manual updates